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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, CY, UNSC
SUBJ: CYPRUS COUP: REQUEST FOR SC MEETING
SUMMARY. CYPRUS PERMREP ROSSIDES TOLD AMB SCALI THAT, ON MAKARIOS' INSTRUCTIONS, HE IS CONVENING SC AT 3 PM THIS AFTERNOON, PARALLELING SYG'S ACTION. HE HOPED US WOULD SUPPORT CYPRUS IN CALLING FOR RETURN OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND ASKED FOR UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT RECOGNIZING MAKARIOS AS LEGITIMATE HEAD OF CYPRUS GOVERNMENT. SCALI REITERATED US SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN STATE, BUT ADVISED AGAINST BITTER DEBATE THAT COULD IMPEDE EFFORTS BEING MADE ELSEWHERE FOR PEACEFUL

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SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. CYPRUS UN PERMREP ROSSIDES CALLED ON AMB SCALI AT HIS REQUEST 11 AM JULY 16 TO INFORM USG THAT HE HAD REQUESTED SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR 3 PM THIS AFTERNOON. HE SAID HIS REQUEST WAS BEING MADE IN PARALLEL WITH SYG, WHO HAD INDEPENDENTLY CONVENED COUNCIL.

2. ROSSIDES SAID HE WAS CONVENING COUNCIL "TO CONSIDER CRITICAL SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS A RESULT OF INTERVENTION BY ARMED FORCES." WHILE LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT DID NOT MENTION GREECE, ROSSIDES SAID IT WAS AN OPEN SECRET THAT GREEK OFFICERS HAD INTERVENED TO BRING ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION. THEIR INTERVENTION WAS "VERY CLUMSY, VIOLENT WAY" OF DEALING WITH CYPRUS SITUATION, USING TANKS WHICH WERE MEANT FOR PROTECTION OF COUNTRY TO OVERTHROW ITS CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. ROSSIDES SAID SC MUST ACT TO PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION THAT COULD THREATEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

3. ROSSIDES SAID HE HOPED US WILL STATE THAT IT RECOGNIZES ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AS PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS, AS HE SAID UK HAD JUST DONE. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT MAKARIOS WAS STILL ALIVE. IN CALLING FOR MEETING HE WAS ACTING ON ARCHBISHOP'S INSTRUCTIONS AS CONVEYED TO HIM THROUGH UN SYG'S SPECIAL REP.

4. AMB SCALI SAID DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY INDICATED TO CYPRUS AMB. DIMITRIOU HOW DEEPLY DISTURBED US WAS ABOUT RECENT EVENTS IN CYPRUS. US HAD ALSO ALREADY REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS' INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. MAIN US CONCERN NOW WAS THAT EVENTS ON CYPRUS NOT LEAD TO FURTHER BLOODSHED, EITHER ON ISLAND ITSELF OR BY INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA. US WILL LEND ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT ANY CHANGES MADE IN CYPRUS GOVT ARE CONSTITUTIONAL.

4. WHILE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR ABOUT OUTCOME HE WANTED FROM COUNCIL, ROSSIDES INDICATED THAT HIS AIM WAS A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CYPRUS AND POSSIBLY DEMANDING WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK NATIONAL

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GUARD (NOT CONTINGENT OFFICERS). AMB SCALI SAID US WAS CONCERNED THAT GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN EXCHANGING BITTER ACCUSATIONS WHICH WOULD ONLY INTERFERE WITH OTHER EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM PEACEFULLY. ROSSIDES AGREED CAUTION WAS IN ORDER. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH US ABOUT FUTURE STRATEGY IN UN.
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